got leftovers?

Leftover paint that is.

Leftover liquid paint products should not be disposed with regular trash. Chandler City Code defines disposal of any liquid waste unacceptable. Never pour hazardous waste down a drain or in a storm drain.

Paint is one of those products that is usually leftover. Paint, like other household hazardous waste has a long shelf life. If your only option is disposal, then the following options are recommended:

Latex Paint: (Full, half-full or not much at all)

Remove the lid and place the can in an area away from children and animals. Using enough cat litter, oil absorbent or Plaster o Paris, stir it in, set it out in the sun, and let it absorb and harden. This can also be done by pouring paint into a cardboard box lined with newspaper, cat litter or absorbent. When the paint in the can or in the cardboard box has hardened and is dry, secure it in a plastic bag. It is ready for disposal. Empty paint cans can be disposed in your regular trash container.

Oil-Based Paint and Solvents:

Remove the lid and place the can in a well-ventilated area in the sun, away from children and animals. Stir in enough cat litter or sawdust to absorb. When dried completely, wrap the container in newspaper and secure it in a plastic bag. It is ready for disposal. Oil based paints include enamel, varnish, shellac, lacquer, stains, and sealer. Solvents include paint thinner, turpentine and mineral spirits.

Aerosol Paint (Spray Paint):



Remove the cap outdoors, in the sun. Be sure to stay away from open-flames,hot surfaces, flower and vegetable gardens, children and animals. Spray the contents of the spray can into a cardboard box or on layers of newspaper. Let it dry. Discard the painted box or newspaper, along with the spray can in the trash.



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